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The Man Who Can Hold Down a Job and "Look for the Beautiful in Life" at the Same Time Has Solved Most of the Problems of Existence

## MORE VERMONT OFFICIALS ARE NOW INDICTED

Bank Examiner and Purchasing Agent to be Tried

ARE RELEASED ON BAIL

Trials of Frank C. Williams and Dewey T. Hanley Are Set For December 17.

Montpelier, Nov. 22.—Following the appearance of Gov. Horace F. Graham in Washington county court yesterday afternoon on charges of embezzlement and larceny and the setting of his trial at the March, 1919, term of the court, Frank C. Williams, state bank commissioner, and Dewey T. Hanley, state purchasing agent, appeared in the same tribunal today, the former on charges of embezzlement in office and Hanley on charges of fraudulently taking money and with larceny of the amounts named. The trials of Williams and Hanley are set for Dec. 17, or as soon as the work of the court permits. These appearances were the result of the presentation of evidence before the special grand jury at Montpelier during the past week.

Bank Commissioner Williams' charges hinge on alleged failure to audit the books of the auditor and with failure to report to the general assembly. Williams appeared in court shortly after the court convened this morning to answer to the indictment, which charges seven counts for alleged failure to carry out the duties of his office. Bail was fixed at \$2,000, furnished by his attorney, Frank Plumley of Northfield. The case was set for trial not earlier than Dec. 17, and at such time after that date as the court work permits.

Speaking for Williams, Attorney Plumley asked that the disposal of his client's case depends to a certain extent upon the disposal of the Graham case. The attorney general opposed on the ground that the evidence of one did not depend upon the evidence of the other. Thereupon, the court decided upon the case as above stated, and after Mr. Plumley had been recognized as surety he and his client left the court.

The counts in the Williams case charge that on June 30, 1916, the bank commissioner neglected to make audit of the books; that he failed to report to the general assembly the condition of the books on the above date; that he neglected to report the amounts of money alleged to have been abstracted from the accounts, a total of \$20,000; it is alleged; that he failed to report a sum of \$4,000, alleged to be known by said Williams as being a shortage preceding June 30, 1916; that he failed to report amounts he knew were taken fraudulently from the state treasury by Graham, amounting to \$20,000; that he knew of the \$4,000 shortage of accounts; and that he (Williams) failed to make in his annual report for 1917 his findings for the year ending the previous June.

State Purchasing Agent Hanley was charged in the indictment with fraudulently taking from the state during the years 1916 and 1917 sums ranging from a few dollars to \$333.54, and he is also charged with stealing the same amounts that he is alleged to have fraudulently taken. Bail in his case was fixed at \$2,000, with T. E. Callahan and C. L. Parmenter, both of Montpelier, furnishing it.

An argument relative to the trial of the Hanley case developed. M. G. Leary, Hanley's attorney, urged pressing business that the trial should not take place in the holiday season and that the time was too short for preparation of the case for trial this month. The state opposed on the ground that ample time intervened, and the court fixed the date as Dec. 17.

The charges against Hanley, it is alleged, are the result of his sales of hides from the state institutions at Vergennes, Waterbury and Windsor to the C. S. Page company, and it is alleged that restoration of the amounts took place last December. It is claimed the amounts are for cash paid to Hanley as purchasing agent and which were not turned over to the state treasurer.

## HARRY REMINGTON WOUNDED

Bennington Boy Has Place of Sharpnel Taken From Leg.

Letters received recently from Harry G. Remington, one of the Bennington boys with the American expeditionary force in France, convey the information that he was wounded in the operations that helped to break the German army and that he was then at headquarters engaged in distributing clothing.

His wound was not serious, caused by a piece of shrapnel that hit him in the calf of the left leg. He wrote that he had the piece of steel and would bring it home as a souvenir. He was wearing on the arm of his service coat the little red mark indicating that he had been wounded. He also wrote that one mark was sufficient.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably snow. Little change in temperature.

## GIVEN YEAR IN PRISON

Richard G. Ferguson Pleaded Guilty to Daylight Burglary.

Richard G. Ferguson, who was arrested by Officer Richard J. Hurley for robbing the cash register at the Putnam House garage, pleaded guilty in Municipal court Thursday afternoon and was sentenced by Judge E. H. Hobbs to not more than three or less than one year in the state prison at Windsor.

Ferguson told the court that his home was at Cheshire, Mass., and that liquor was the cause of his downfall. He made an eloquent plea for leniency.

No more daring theft than that of Ferguson has been committed in Bennington in years. He not only made one visit to the garage and got away with plunder but he returned the following day and relieved the cash register of more money and checks. An attempt to cash one of the checks at a local bank was the immediate cause of his arrest.

## GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

Thursday, November 28, Designated as Thanksgiving Day.

Never since the great Lincoln selected the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day has this Nation been blessed with such cause for rejoicing and praise to Almighty God.

Our ideals as a Nation have won for us an immeasurable share in the struggle for world democracy. The righteous might and integrity of our arms have been victorious over autocratic might and selfish tyranny. There remains for us the greatest responsibility in our history, that of co-operating with our Allies to establish industry throughout the world and to enforce peace for all time. We pray that our Heavenly Father assist in making our dealings with other nations honest, generous and, above all, just.

Vermont and New England deserve to feel proud of the record of their fighting sons in this war. Our dauntless men in the Navy and especially the heroes of the Yankee Division have earned a true Thanksgiving. Patriotism ever thrived on New England soil, and her war workers have labored unstintingly at home and in the field. Let us thank God for those who have given themselves for freedom and pray that He may comfort their loved ones.

Let us continue to remember that "A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing."

I, Horace F. Graham, Governor, designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth of this November, a day of Thanksgiving and prayer.

Let all the people of the State, for that day, lay aside their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship give thanks to God and ask for a just peace with His benediction.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Montpelier, this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-third.

Horace F. Graham, Governor.

By His Excellency's Command, Harvey E. Goodell, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At Annual Meeting of Home Demonstration Department on Tuesday.

At the first annual meeting of the Home Demonstration department of the Farm Bureau the executive committee for the ensuing year was elected consisting of chairman, Miss Florence Walbridge, Miss Louise Vail, Mrs. C. R. Hawkins, Mrs. Perry E. Iron, Mrs. William Rathbone and Mrs. William Wills.

Mrs. Putnam read a telegram from Washington stating that the first week of December will be designated as a conservation week in order to save a large quantity of food for the starving peoples in Europe.

Miss Pierpont, state home demonstration leader told what may be accomplished in a community with the aid of the Home Demonstration Department. She said that the solving of community problems cannot be accomplished by the agent alone but the co-operation of the women is needed.

At the exhibit there were several interesting articles displayed by various women in the county, among these a jar of the maple syrup which is just one illustration of what a woman can do in the agricultural projects. There was a jar of canned chicken which shows what should be done with the slacker hens. Other exhibits were syrup made from sugar beet grown in the county, flour milled from home-grown wheat and food products made from the flour and also a homemade fireless cooker.

Clean Out the Saloon

In this issue an extract from the Bennington Banner is printed in which the statement is made that there has recently been more than the usual amount of intoxication in Bennington. The increase became so noticeable that the license commissioners called a meeting of the licensees to talk over the situation. We are told that the commissioners gave the saloon keepers "solemn warning" to be more careful to whom and in what quantities they sell. The saloon is in business to sell to those who have the appetite and to say how much those who want liquor for a beverage shall have is a delicate problem. Cleaning the saloon out root and branch is the only real remedy for "too much drunkenness."

That is what will happen when national prohibition is established.—Bellows Falls Times.

## SEVERAL KINGS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENTS

Peage Conference Will Draw Many Reigning Sovereigns

MANY GREAT PROBLEMS

These Conferences Will Have Great and Lasting Influence on the History of the World.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The visit of President Wilson to France is expected to coincide with a momentous gathering of reigning sovereigns and chiefs of State, the most important and impressive perhaps since the Congress of Vienna, more than a hundred years ago. Intimations have already come from Europe that a grand review of designated units of the victorious allied armies and fleets will take place in Paris and will be witnessed by the heads of the kingdoms and republics which joined to defeat the menace of Prussian militarism.

In connection with the assemblage of crowned heads and Presidents, the chiefs of State of neutral countries are expected to be in France by invitation in order to enable them to participate in a convention the like of which has never been witnessed in the world's history. The adjustment of the problems growing out of the war will affect all other important nations as well.

The understanding in Washington is that the neutral Governments will be invited to have representatives participate in the consideration of the two foremost international questions, the formation of a league of nations and the determination of what constitutes freedom of the seas.

As the Kings of Great Britain, England and Belgium and the President of France are expected to participate with him in the discussions of the broad outlines of the treaty of peace, so the heads of the neutral countries most interested, particularly Spain, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Switzerland and probably those of the Balkan nations and the other smaller nationalities that are preparing to form Governments of their own, will have the opportunity of exchanging views over the tremendous issues involved. They will be attended, of course, by their Prime Ministers, and the conferences will have an influence on the history of the world, the importance of which cannot be overestimated.

King George's visit to the American flagship, New York, yesterday, was a notable occasion throughout.

Edinburgh, Nov. 21.—Germany's high seas fleet after its surrender to the Allied navies was brought to the North of Scotland today.

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## HONOR ROLL CORRECTIONS

Friends Should Send Corrections to Banner Office at Once.

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If you have information of this kind and fail to report it you will be doing an injustice to our boys who have entered the service. The boys did not fall when the country called. It is up to you not to let them now. The additional list follows:

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Bradley, George  
Cavanaugh, Frank  
Chamberlain, James  
Clark, Francis M.  
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Cleveland, Lewis  
Cullinan, Fred D.  
Danforth, Alfred V.  
Doran, Bernard P.  
English, William H.  
Geer, Fred  
Gier, George  
Honker, Clarence F.  
Hutton, J. Goodall  
Jenny, Edward B.  
Kelley, Harold  
Kennedy, William C.  
Knapp, Lewis  
Larin, George E.  
MacLaren, Charles  
Mahar, Francis T.  
Marzolin, Louis  
Mathers, Ralph  
Murphy, John J.  
Mutch, William  
Noyes, Albert  
Noyes, Clarence  
Parker, James H.  
Parsell, Joseph P.  
Riley, Karl  
Riley, Thomas H.  
Rousseau, Philias  
Rugg, Harry G.  
Senecal, Walter C.  
Sumner, Claude H.  
Thomas, Arthur W.  
Wadsworth, Walter  
Whitely, Alfred H.  
White, Marshall H.  
Woodman, J. Edward  
Woodward, William

Overseas Red Cross Nurses.  
Casey, Winifred  
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## WILL LEAVE GERMANY

Amsterdam, Nov. 22.—All members of the Hohenzollern dynasty will leave Germany soon, says a Frankfort dispatch. Their destination is not yet known.

## GERMANY NO LONGER STAYS A SEA POWER

Surrender of Ships Is On Gigantic Scale

WAS INGLOUS FATE

United States Has Now Moved Up Into Second Place As a Naval Power.

Edinburgh, Thursday night.—Germany, as a naval power, ceased to exist today. The heart of her mighty fleet, fourteen ships of line, seven light cruisers and fifty destroyers, surrendered to the Armada of British, American and French vessels, the greatest fighting force that ever went to sea.

A surrender on such a gigantic scale no precedent in naval history. American and British officers could scarcely credit the evidence of their eyes. It was an event that shattered all naval traditions and ideals. Men animated by the spirit of Lawrence's "Don't give up the ship" and Nelson's "England expects every man to do his duty" could not conceive of such an inglorious fate as that to which the great enemy sea force was submitting.

A correspondent on an American dreadnaught heard an officer exclaim: "Even the poor Spaniards, knowing they had no chance, came out of Santiago." But for the most part, both officers and men were silent. They realized they were witnessing the climactic act of Germany's downfall. They knew that the surrender, automatically raised the United States to second place among the world's naval powers; but they showed no elation and seemed to feel a sort of contemptuous pity for the fallen giant of the sea who had refused to fight. Their imagination dwelt on their foe's shame.

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## ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED

North Bennington Congregational Church Has Exercises

INSPIRING AND HELPFUL

Exercises Left Church With Courage and Desire to Carry on Good Work for Another Fifty Years.

The 50th Anniversary Exercises of the North Bennington Congregational church took place Wednesday, Nov. 21, afternoon and evening. While the weather outside was unpropitious, the interior of the church was so cheery that the weather was forgotten. The church was decorated with ferns and yellow chrysanthemums, and on the walls hung the flags of the allied nations.

The afternoon program recalled the early days of the church. Deacon H. T. Cushman read a valuable paper, which told how his father-in-law, Deacon Henry D. Hall, in the summer of 1840 organized a Sunday school in his factory office, an old-time instance of what in our day we would call "Welfare Work for Employees," since the primary purpose of the school was to help them. Out of the success of this venture grew the North Bennington Congregational church, organized April 5, 1848, and meeting in Bank hall until a church edifice could be built. Deacon Cushman's paper traced the subsequent history of the church, by describing some of the men and women, through whose devoted service the church developed.

Rev. Chas. H. Peck of Essex, Conn., pastor of the church from 1889 to 1905, narrated in most happy vein the personal memories of his long pastorate.

Rev. F. M. Derwaster, from the Baptist church, and Rev. J. G. Robinson, from the Methodist church of North Bennington, and Rev. G. E. Cady, from the Methodist church in South Shaftsbury, brought from their people messages of good will, emphasizing the increasing spirit of unity among the different denominations in the year of our Lord 1918.

Rev. C. F. Hill Granger, and Rev. George S. Mills added much to the inspiration of the day by the genial and affectionate greetings they brought from the sister congregational churches of Bennington.

Letters of greeting were also read from former members unable to be present.

At 6:30 the ladies of the church invited all present to a most appetizing supper in the church parlors.

The principal address of the evening session was by Rev. George R. Hewitt of Enfield, Mass., pastor of the church from 1885 to 1888, on the topic, "The Challenge of the Times to the Church of Christ." It was a deep and strong address, which, while it pointed out the unparalleled opportunity before the church at present, yet showed that the great, underlying needs of humanity, can be successfully met in every age, only by the truth and the life, as it is in Jesus of Nazareth.

No account of the meeting would be complete, which did not tell how much was added by the music of the choir, led by Mrs. Wells White, and by the presence at the piano of Harry S. Phillips, organist of the church from 1905 to Sept. 1918.

The anniversary exercises left the church with the courage and desire to carry on in the second fifty years of its existence, the good work and life of the first fifty.

## BASIL S. SMITH KILLED

Shaftsbury Young Man Killed in Action October 20.

The family of Albert Smith, who live on the east road to Shaftsbury just across the Shaftsbury line were notified by telegram from the adjutant general's office Thursday afternoon that their son, Basil Smith of the machine gun company of the 105th infantry had been killed in action on October 20.

The young man was 21 years old. Although residing in Shaftsbury, the family are in reality Bennington people and the sympathy of a large circle of friends will be extended in their bereavement.

Private Smith was well known both in Bennington and Shaftsbury and a large number of acquaintances will learn of his death with sincere regret.

## COULDN'T QUIT BUSINESS

John Eddington, Aged 83, Opens New Fish Market.

John Eddington has opened a fish market on Main street. Mr. Eddington is 83 years old and has long been in the meat and provision business here. Some weeks ago through a change of ownership in a market it looked as though he had retired. He didn't like it. The days were too much like it with nothing to do, hence the new fish market.

Most men who have reached that age are willing to let the youngsters do the work but Mr. Eddington says he is going to stay in the game and set a pace for the boys.

## PARADE TONIGHT

Industrial Demonstration to be Held This Evening.

It has been decided to hold the industrial parade tonight. If the weather is such that the parade can be held the whistles at the mills will blow at 7 o'clock. If the whistles do not blow, there will be no parade.

The arrangements were all completed for Monday evening and the same plan will be carried out tonight.

Each organization is to meet at the station assigned at 8 o'clock sharp. The parade will start from the corner of Main and Safford streets at 8:15. In case the parade is held the great Guy Empey picture at the opera house will be held up until 9 o'clock.

## JOHN FAY KILLS "SHE" BEAR AND YOUNG CUB

Bennington Hunter Brings in Two Prizes Shot in Town of Woodford.

John N. Fay returned to the village today with a female bear and a cub that he shot in the town of Woodford Wednesday afternoon. The old bear is estimated to weigh about two hundred pounds and the cub about eighty pounds.

The successful hunter and Zed White and Ralph F. Niles made their headquarters during the deer season at the Carpenter camp in Woodford.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Fay, while on a station waiting for a shot at deer, observed the old bear coming in his direction. The bear also saw the hunter but kept on coming until within about three rods. A single shot through the head dropped the animal in its tracks.

The shot frightened the cub which began running up a steep hill. One shot at the fleeing cub missed. The little fellow continued running until it reached the top of the hill. Here it stopped to look back and a bullet caught it through the shoulder.

## ERWIN A. BENT KILLED

Parents Notified Thursday that He Died in Action.

Mrs. and Mr. George H. Bent, who live on the Pownall road, were notified late Thursday afternoon that their son, Erwin A. Bent, was killed in action in France on October 14.

Private Bent was a member of the first provisional company of the 102d infantry, and met death on the field of battle on the day following his 24th anniversary. His parents had received no word from him since August 16 and the sad news received Thursday from the adjutant general in a measure confirmed their fears that their son had given his life for his country.

Private Bent was a young man of excellent character, industrious and honest. Before entering the national army he was employed as a cutter at the factory of the Black Cat Textile company and was the main support of his parents, both of whom are in failing health.

He leaves one brother, William, who lives at home and one sister, Mrs. Charles Paddock of South Shaftsbury.

## RESTORE SENIORITY RIGHTS

Railroads Will Give Preference to Soldiers and Sailors.

New York, Nov. 22.—Most of the nation's railroads plan to restore to employees who entered the military or naval service, seniority rights which they sacrificed when they left the road's employment. Director General McAdoo announced today. So far as practicable, preference in re-employment and re-instatement will be given to soldiers and sailors as quickly as they are mustered out of federal service.

## 2000 CASUALTIES BY EXPLOSION

Munition Trains in Belgium Ignited From Bonfire Built by Children

London, Nov. 22.—Explosion of munition trains in Belgium, Thursday, caused nearly two thousand casualties, says an Amsterdam dispatch. The reported cause was a bonfire, built by children, which spread to two German munition trains nearby. The destruction in the vicinity was enormous.

## EMPEY PICTURE TO WAIT

Big Picture at Opera House Will Wait for Parade.

In case the industrial parade is held this evening, the great Guy Empey picture to be shown at the opera house will be delayed until 9 o'clock in order that all who desire may witness the spectacular production "Over the Top."

## SCHEIDEMANN RESIGNS

Minister of Finance in New German Government Retires.

Berlin, Nov. 22.—Philipp Scheidemann has resigned as minister of finance in the new German government. His successor is Herr Landsberg, secretary of publicity, art and literature, says a Berlin dispatch.

## MINE-SWEEPING VESSELS

London, Nov. 22.—Twenty-seven mine-sweeping vessels passed out of German possession Monday, says a dispatch from Amsterdam. They arrived in Dutch waters from Belgium, and were interned.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the help and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. E. Thurber, also for the beautiful flowers.

E. Thurber,  
Miss Ruth Thurber,  
Stanley Thurber,  
H. C. Thurber.

## BY ONLY \$188.68 IS BENNINGTON OVER ITS QUOTA

Total Subscriptions and Pledges Are \$24,188.68

VILLAGE AWAY BEHIND

North Bennington and Old Bennington Pull Us Through—Shaftsbury Makes Fine Record.

The actual subscriptions in cash and pledges in the town of Bennington for the United War Work campaign amount to \$24,188.68.

There are in addition a few promises not yet redeemed that are likely to raise the amount a little but not enough to materially effect the result. The dance at Foresters hall tonight will add a little.

Bennington's quota which was given before the drive started at \$24,000 was actually \$23,800 and Manchester's which was announced at \$6,000 was really \$5,500 as finally figured by the state campaign directors. These quotas were based on the Liberty bond figures of the several towns and were varied somewhat after the drive started.

Manchester, with subscriptions of \$7,985.02 has the best record of any town in the county. The campaign in Manchester was managed by W. H. Shaw and A. E. Martin and in this and past campaigns Manchester has developed about the best working organization in the state.

Shaftsbury went over the quota a record of \$1,525. C. R. Hawkins was town chairman in Shaftsbury but he was one of the recent victims of influenza in that town and a good share of the credit for Shaftsbury's achievement is said to be due to Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler and Mrs. O. L. Lawrence.

Dorset has also exceeded its quota with pledges and subscriptions amounting to \$1,311.25. The Dorset town chairman was C. A. Atkinson.

While Bennington has squeaked through and barely reached its quota, the town would have made a lamentable showing had it not been for North Bennington and Old Bennington. North Bennington undertook to raise \$5,000, and actually raised \$7,315, or a per capita of \$1.51. Old Bennington has done even better with a per capita of over \$1.50.

Bennington village and the rural districts raised less than \$2 per capita. The rank and file of the folks did as well as in other places but the rich and well-to-do in many cases shirked their responsibility.

This is probably the last big drive to raise money to support the patriotic work made necessary by the war and the canvassers in this and other similar campaigns have learned some things that they did not expect. There are people who give gladly and freely and often beyond their means but there are others who will dodge the collectors, falsify their statements and descend to other discreditable methods to avoid giving up a few dollars that they can well spare.

Bennington's margin of \$188.68 looks a bargain price in a dry goods store, stacked up against the big over-subscriptions of Rutland, Burlington, Middleboro and St. Albans.

## VERMONT HONOR ROLL

Casualties to Vermonters According to Recent List.

Killed in Action

A. A. Bushey of Richford.  
E. G. Carlson of West Rutland.

Died of Disease

Sergeant R. D. Wakfield of Shelburne.  
Corp. A. H. Guyette of Burlington.

Charles H. Baskely of Victory.  
H. L. Nelson of Mountain Mills.

C. L. Messer of Waterford.  
F. J. Priest of Waterford.

E. C. Fales of Rochester.

Wounded